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FOR SCICOUN

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. DAVID S. JOHNSON, US CO-CHAIRMAN SATELLITE METEOROLOGY WORKING GROUP, TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, DR. L.A. ALEKSANDROV, HYDROMET SERVICE.

2. "YOUR INVITATION TO MEET IN MOSCOW IN MAY RECEIVED AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MEETING OF PRINCIPAL SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN THIS TIME PERIOD FOR BOTH THE ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE SENSING AND MICROWAVE SENSING EXPERIMENTS ANTICIPATED OUR MARCH 1975 DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, IN MICROWAVE SENSING AREA, WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY COMPLETED EXCHANGE OF AVAILABLE RESEARCH RESULTS AND NATIONAL TECHNICAL PLANS FOR EXPERIMENTS IN 1976-78 PERIOD (YOUR MARCH 18, 1976 LETTER TRANSMITTING COPIES YOUR OCTOBER 15, 1975 AND NOVEMBER 24, 1975 LETTERS AND ENCLOSING YOUR MICROWAVE EXPERIMENT PLAN, HAS JUST BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED). IN ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE SENSING AREA, WE

WILL SEND YOU, SHORTLY, OUR PROPOSALS FOR SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS TO INVESTIGATE THE RADIATIVE PROPERTIES OF ATMOSPHERE AND INFORMATION ON PRESENT STATUS OF STUDIES IN FIELD OF TEMPERATURE SENSING AS CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1.3.1 AND 1.3.2 OF OUR MARCH 1975 DOCUMENT. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED WORD WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT SIMILAR MATERIALS FROM YOU.

3. "IN VIEW ABOVE STATUS OUR EXCHANGES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE MAY MEETING WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN EITHER AREA. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE POSSIBLE REACH AGREEMENT ON JOINT SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMING MICROWAVE SENSING EXPERIMENTS AT COSPAR SESSION IN PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE. DR. GLOERSEN, OUR PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, WILL BE AVAILABLE, AND IF YOUR PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST ALSO AVAILABLE WE BELIEVE WE COULD MOVE AHEAD IN THIS AREA.

4. "WE FACE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SITUATION IN ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE SENSING AREA SINCE EXCHANGES NOT COMPLETED AND JOINT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WILL REQUIRE MORE TIME THAN AVAILABLE AT COSPAR. NEVERTHELESS, YOU AND I COULD MEET INFORMALLY TO REVIEW STATUS OF THIS EXPERIMENT AT COSPAR AND DECIDE WHEN OUR PRINCIPAL SCIENTISTS SHOULD MEET TO COORDINATE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING EXPERIMENTS.

5. " LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARNING YOUR VIEWS ABOVE PROPOSALS." KISSINGER

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